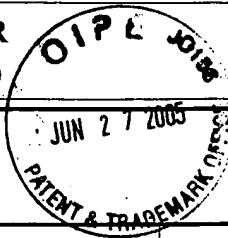


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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER (General - Patent Pending)

Docket No.  
19351-095804

In Re Application Of: Armstrong et al.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/758,909	01/16/2004	Chenevert	28886	3612	7056

Title: LIGHTWEIGHT COMPOSITE TAILGATE

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Petition to Correct Inventorship; attachments 1-8; dep acct info

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Art Unit: 3612  
Examiner: Chenevert, Paul A.  
Applicants: Armstrong et al.  
Serial No.: 10/758,909  
Filing Date: January 16, 2004  
Title: LIGHTWEIGHT COMPOSITE TAILGATE

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP  
IN A PATENT APPLICATION**

Mr. Paul A. Chenevert  
Examiner  
Art Unit 3612  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Petition is being submitted to correct the inventorship in United States non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909 as filed on January 16, 2004. More specifically, Petitioner respectfully requests that Mr. Rudlof Schrempf be added as an inventor in United States non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the processing fee of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, as well as any additional fees due in relation to this Petition to Deposit Account No. 50-1759.

The facts surrounding the correction of inventorship in United States non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909 are the following:

1. A provisional patent application for a “Lightweight Composite Tailgate” was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on January 16, 2003 and assigned serial number 60/440,550. The inventors in the provisional patent application were Messrs. Bradford Armstrong, Martin McLeod, and Alireza Ebrahimi. A Filing Receipt confirming the filing of this provisional patent application is included at Attachment 1.

2. Each of the inventors, Messrs. Armstrong, McLeod, and Ebrahimi, signed an Assignment on April 4, 2003 conveying all rights in the above-mentioned provisional patent application to Decoma International. A copy of the executed Assignment is included at Attachment 2.

3. A non-provisional patent application for a “Lightweight Composite Tailgate” was filed in the USPTO on January 16, 2004 and assigned serial number 10/758,909. A Filing Receipt confirming the filing of the non-provisional patent application is included at Attachment 3.

4. A Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (hereinafter referred to as the “Declaration”) was submitted to the USPTO on May 5, 2004 in response to a Notice of Missing Parts. The Declaration was signed by each the named inventors, Messrs. Armstrong, McLeod, and Ebrahimi, and claimed the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the above-mentioned United States provisional patent application serial number 60/440,550, filed on January 16, 2003. The Declaration is included at Attachment 4.

5. Subsequently, it was determined that Mr. Rudolf Schrempf was erroneously omitted as an inventor in both of the above-identified United States provisional patent application serial number 60/440,550, and the currently pending non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909. The erroneously omitted inventor, Mr. Schrempf, has executed a Statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2), stating that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on his part. The Statement of Mr. Schrempf is included at Attachment 5.

6. Each of the inventors, that is, MSSRs. Armstrong, McLeod, Ebrahimi, and Schrempf, has executed a revised Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (hereinafter referred to as “revised Declaration”) containing a complete listing of all inventors for the currently pending non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909. The revised Declaration is included at Attachment 6.

7. The Assignee, Decoma International Inc., has executed a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the above-identified non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909. Specifically, the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) has been signed by R. David Benson, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and General Counsel for Decoma International Inc. The Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(a) is included at Attachment 7.

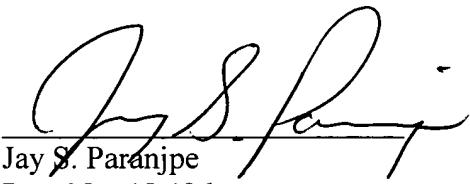
8. The Assignee has also executed a Statement of Assignee giving written consent to the correction of inventorship set forth herein. The Statement of Assignee is included at Attachment 8.

The requirements for correcting the inventorship in the United States non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909 have been met. More particularly, the following items have been submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a): (1) a request to correct the inventorship that sets forth the desired inventorship change; (2) a Statement by each inventor being added stating that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent; (3) a declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; (4) the processing fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i); and (5) the written consent of the Assignee, whose ownership has been established under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(a).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Commissioner add Mr. Rudolf A. Schrempf as an inventor in the above-captioned non-provisional patent application serial number 10/758,909.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Statement is directed.

Respectfully submitted,



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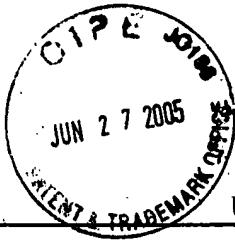
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS Bradford D. ARMSTRONG, a Canadian citizen, Martin R. McLEOD, a Canadian citizen, Alireza EBRAHIMI, a Canadian citizen, whose postal addresses are; 115 Letitia Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 1P4, Canada; 21 Pewton Drive, Barrie, Ontario , L4N 7A3 , Canada and PO Box 40566, 5230 Dundas Street, Toronto, Ontario, M9B 6K8, Canada, respectively, invented a certain new and useful invention relating to:

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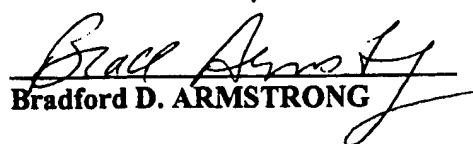
for which an application has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 26, 2003 as Serial No. 60/440,550.

WHEREAS, DECOMA INTERNATIONAL INC., a company incorporated under the laws of Ontario having a place of business at 50 Casmir Court, Concord, Ontario, L4K 4J5, CANADA, is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention, said patent application and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted and issued therefor in Canada, the United States of America and throughout the world;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Bradford D. ARMSTRONG, Martin R. McLEOD and Alireza EBRAHIMI do hereby sell, assign and transfer to DECOMA INTERNATIONAL INC., its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, said patent application, including the right to file priority applications, any improvements thereto, and in and to any Letters Patent or divisions, which may be granted and issued therefor in Canada, the United States of America and throughout the world;

Bradford D. ARMSTRONG, Martin R. McLEOD and Alireza EBRAHIMI AGREE to do all things reasonably required of them and to execute all instruments submitted to them by the assignee for carrying out the full intent of this agreement; and Bradford D. ARMSTRONG, Martin R. McLEOD and Alireza EBRAHIMI hereby request and authorize the Patent Office to issue the said Letters Patent to DECOMA INTERNATIONAL INC., its successors and assigns.

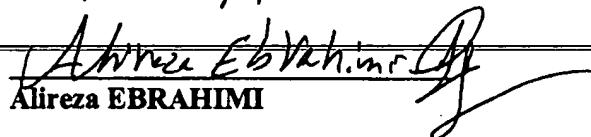
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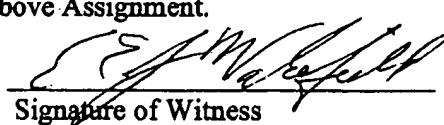
  
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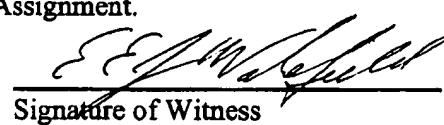
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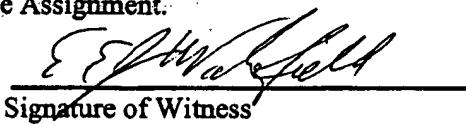
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## Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

### English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the Invention entitled  
**Two Piece Lightweight Composite Tailgate**

the specification of which

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Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**Examiner:** Chenevert, Paul A.

**Inventors:** Armstrong et al.

**Serial No:** 10/758,909

**Filing Date:** January 16, 2004

**For:** LIGHTWEIGHT COMPOSITE TAILGATE

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**STATEMENT OF RUDOLF A. SCHREMPF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

I, RUDOLF A. SCHREMPF, of the city of Brampton, in the Province of Ontario, SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am an employee of Decoma International Inc., whose address is 50 Casimir Court, Concord, Ontario, Canada L4K 4J5.

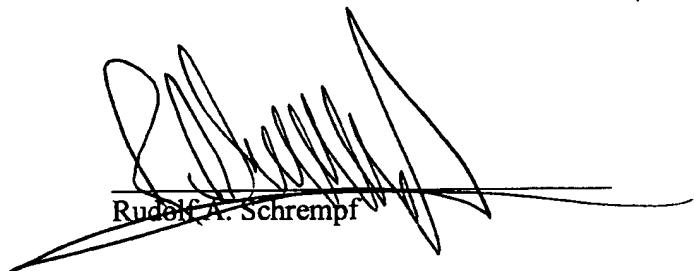
2. I am one of the inventors of the "Lightweight Composite Tailgate", for which a provisional patent application was filed on January 16, 2003 as serial number 60/440,550 and a non-provisional patent application was filed on January 16, 2004 as serial number 10/758,909.

3. I made an original, conceptual contribution to at least one of the claims or claim elements in both of the above-identified patent applications filed for the "Lightweight Composite Tailgate."

4. I was not, however, listed as one of the named inventors in either of the above-identified patent applications.

5. The inventorship error of failing to include myself, Rudolf A. Schrempf, as an inventor occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

6. I hereby declare all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Rudolf A. Schrempf

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19351-095804

## Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

### English Language Declaration

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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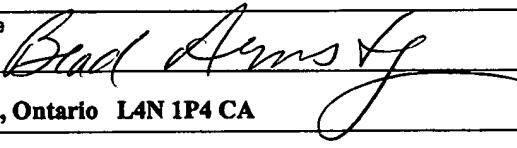
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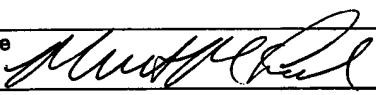
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Armstrong et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/758,909

Filed/Issue Date: 01/16/2004

Entitled: **LIGHTWEIGHT COMPOSITE TAILGATE**

Decoma International Inc.

a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

R.D. Benson

Signature

R. David Benson

Printed or Typed Name

EXECUTIVE Vice President, Secretary and  
General Counsel, Decoma International Inc.

Title

Feb. 1, 2005

Date

905-669-2888

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**Assignee:** Decoma International, Inc.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSIGNEE**

The Assignee, DECOMA INTERNATIONAL, INC., of the city of Concord, in the Province of Ontario, SAYS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Decoma International Inc. has a business address of 50 Casmir Court, Concord, Ontario, Canada L4K 4J5.

2. Decoma International Inc. is the Assignee of United States Patent Application Serial Number 10,758,909, which was filed on January 16, 2004.

3. The undersigned, Mr. R. David Benson, has the authority to act on behalf of the Assignee.

4. The Assignee consents to the addition of Mr. Rudolf Allan Schrempf as an inventor in United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/758,909.

5. The Assignee hereby declares all statements made herein of it's own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code

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